

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-211

Magi No. 2402115704

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Whaley Houseand/or common Moore House

2. Location

street & number 317 S. Main ☐ not for publicationcity, town Berlin ☐ vicinity of congressional district 1ststate Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph E. Moorestreet & number 317 S. Main Street telephone no.: 641-3244city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liberstreet & number Market Street foliocity, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Moore house is situated on the west side of Berlin's South Main Street in the middle of its residential area. The house and its garage building and attached shed sits on a tree-shaded, landscaped lot which rises from the street. The house was completed in 1923.

The frame, 2½-story, colonial revival-style dwelling is 4 bays by 3 bays with a gable roof. On the south side a partially exposed chimney pierces the front roof slope, while a second chimney rises on the north end of the rear roof slope. A one-story side wing on the south has a flat roof with balustrade. A two-story rear extension repeats the balustrade. Both of these wings have 8-paned ribbon casement windows. The main house block features 8/1 windows with simple entablature molding at the top of the frame. The vinyl-sided house sits upon a raised brick foundation with basement windows in the north and south ends and a below-ground entrance on the rear facade.

The principal or west facade features a large centered dormer with a shallow hip roof and a pair of 8-paned windows. The dormer is embellished by plain corner pilasters flanked on each side by an additional pilaster. The eaves of the dormer have a shallow modillion-like treatment. The dwelling entrance is located in the first bay on the left, with a single sash 8-paned window occupying that position on the second floor. The remaining 3 bays are evenly spaced windows flanked by vinyl shutters. The door and its surround, with broken pediment and flanking pilasters, is a 1970's replacement of the original as are the wooden porch and steps. The original entrance featured brick steps with heavy flanking piers.

The north and south facades feature roof returns on the gable ends and irregular window placement.

The gambrel-roofed garage, with vertical wood siding and a attached rear shed that once served as a chicken house, have been converted to studio use. The front facade has been enclosed and redesigned.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1923

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house, built by William Whaley and Virginia Hammond Whaley in 1923, sits on land that was part of the Burley Manor property (WO-4), which surrounds it. William Whaley served as sheriff of Worcester County in the early 1920's and as mayor of Berlin during the 1940's.

The Moore house is one of only a few colonial revival expressions in Berlin. More commonly, applied decorative elements (as in 200 S. Main St.) or architectural details such as a pedimented gable are seen as mild expressions of the colonial revival style in Berlin.

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